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McLean, VA, November 26, 1984 -- Machine tool orders for the month of October declined a slight 1% to a total of $283.50 million according to data released today by the industry's trade group, the National Machine Tool Builders' Association. Total shipments for the month, at $207.70 million were also off 1% from the previous month.

Association President James A. Gray noted that "it is refreshing to see total new orders approaching the $300 million level. If the recent decline in interest rates continues and if the general economic recovery follows projections of 3 to 4% growth in 1985, we should see further gains by the U.S. machine tool industry.

"As the 1984 International Machine Tool Show (held in Chicago in September) clearly demonstrated, the most advanced machine tools and manufacturing systems are available from U.S.

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builders. Despite the constraints of a very expensive dollar and the resulting import penetration, U.S. builders have worked hard over the past few years to develop and incorporate the latest technologies in their products."

Net new orders for metal cutting machine tools fell 14% in October, to a level of $191.65 million while shipments for the category were off 4% at $145.10 million. Orders for metal forming tools increased by 43% for the month, at $91.85 million while shipments rose 5% to a level of $62.60 million.

Industry order backlogs increased in October to a level of $1.7 billion.

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COMPARISON CHART

NET NEW ORDERS -- MACHINE TOOLS
(Thousands of Dollars)

	METAL CUTTING			METAL FORMING			TOTAL Cutting and Forming		
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total
Oct. 1984	176,600	15,050	191,650	71,550	20,300	91,850	248,150	35,350	283,500
Sept. 1984	194,850	27,300	222,150	60,250	3,800	64,050	255,100	31,100	286,200
% Change									
Oct. 1984:Sept.1984	-9.4	-44.9	-13.7	+18.8	+434.2	+43.4	-2.7	+13.7	-0.9
Oct. 1983	115,600	13,850	129,450	69,950	3,150	73,100	185,550	17,000	202,550
% Change									
Oct. 1984:Oct. 1983	+52.8	+8.7	+48.0	+2.3	+544.4	+25.6	+33.7	+107.9	+40.0
Year To Date 1984	1,402,600	194,000	1,596,600	787,050	64,900	851,950	2,189,650	258,900	2,448,550
Year To Date 1983	877,650	67,400	945,050	399,600	40,000	439,600	1,277,250	107,400	1,384,650
% Change									
1984 : 1983	+59.8	+187.8	+68.9	+97.0	+62.3	+93.8	+71.4	+141.1	+76.8

SHIPMENTS -- MACHINE TOOLS
(Thousands of Dollars)

	METAL CUTTING			METAL FORMING			TOTAL Cutting and Forming		
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total
Oct. 1984	129,450	15,650	145,100	57,600	5,000	62,600	187,050	20,650	207,700
Sept. 1984	138,700	12,650	151,350	51,150	8,250	59,400	189,850	20,900	210,750
% Change									
Oct. 1984:Sept.1984	-6.7	+23.7	-4.1	+12.6	-39.4	+5.4	-1.5	-1.2	-1.4
Oct. 1983	93,150	8,900	102,050	40,850	2,500	43,350	134,000	11,400	145,400
% Change									
Oct. 1984:Oct. 1983	+39.0	+75.8	+42.2	+41.0	+100.0	+44.4	+39.6	+81.1	+42.8
Year To Date 1984	1,153,250	93,300	1,246,550	491,350	60,450	551,800	1,644,600	153,750	1,798,350
Year To Date 1983	951,300	131,200	1,082,500	339,000	38,050	377,050	1,290,300	169,250	1,459,550
% Change									
1984 : 1983	+21.2	-28.9	+15.2	+44.9	+58.9	+46.3	+27.5	-9.2	+23.2

Source: National Machine Tool Builders' Association

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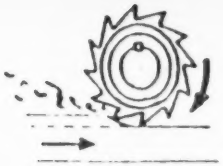

TOTAL INDUSTRY ESTIMATE
MACHINE TOOLS - CUTTING AND FORMING
New Orders, Cancellations, Shipments and Backlog

DATE	NET NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	Order Backlog (In Mil. $)	SHIPMENTS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1984							
Jan.	$ 175,550,000	$ 13,550,000	$ 189,100,000	1,120.85	$ 100,900,000	$ 12,050,000	$ 112,950,000
Feb.	$ 187,700,000	$ 15,200,000	$ 202,900,000	1,176.45	$ 135,700,000	$ 11,600,000	$ 147,300,000
Mar.	$ 188,650,000	$ 19,800,000	$ 208,450,000	1,195.65	$ 172,350,000	$ 16,900,000	$ 189,250,000
Apr.	$ 201,600,000	$ 51,500,000	$ 253,100,000	1,290.00	$ 145,000,000	$ 13,750,000	$ 158,750,000
May	$ 291,900,000	$ 27,650,000	$ 319,550,000	1,399.50	$ 194,400,000	$ 15,650,000	$ 210,050,000
June	$ 161,150,000	$ 30,600,000	$ 191,750,000	1,387.75	$ 182,200,000	$ 21,300,000	$ 203,500,000
July	$ 299,600,000	$ 13,800,000	$ 313,400,000	1,507.40	$ 182,000,000	$ 11,750,000	$ 193,750,000
Aug.	$ 180,250,000	$ 20,350,000	$ 200,600,000	1,543.65	$ 155,150,000	$ 9,200,000	$ 164,350,000
Sept.	$ 255,100,000	$ 31,100,000	$ 286,200,000	1,619.10	$ 189,850,000	$ 20,900,000	$ 210,750,000
Oct. (p)	$ 248,150,000	$ 35,350,000	$ 283,500,000	1,694.90	$ 187,050,000	$ 20,650,000	$ 207,700,000
10 Mos.	$2,189,650,000	$ 258,900,000	$2,448,550,000		$1,644,600,000	$ 153,750,000	$1,798,350,000

DATE	GROSS NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	CANCELLATIONS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1984						
Jan.	$ 183,900,000	$ 14,300,000	$ 198,200,000	$ 8,350,000	$ 750,000	$ 9,100,000
Feb.	$ 197,050,000	$ 16,900,000	$ 213,950,000	$ 9,350,000	$ 1,700,000	$ 11,050,000
Mar.	$ 196,700,000	$ 21,200,000	$ 217,900,000	$ 8,050,000	$ 1,400,000	$ 9,450,000
Apr.	$ 209,800,000	$ 52,050,000	$ 261,850,000	$ 8,200,000	$ 550,000	$ 8,750,000
May	$ 303,700,000	$ 27,850,000	$ 331,550,000	$ 11,800,000	$ 200,000	$ 12,000,000
June	$ 178,200,000	$ 32,450,000	$ 210,650,000	$ 17,050,000	$ 1,850,000	$ 18,900,000
July	$ 301,800,000	$ 14,200,000	$ 316,000,000	$ 2,200,000	$ 400,000	$ 2,600,000
Aug.	$ 189,600,000	$ 20,700,000	$ 210,300,000	$ 9,350,000	$ 350,000	$ 9,700,000
Sept.	$ 264,000,000	$ 31,800,000	$ 295,800,000	$ 8,900,000	$ 700,000	$ 9,600,000
Oct.(p)	$ 256,600,000	$ 36,500,000	$ 293,100,000	$ 6,450,000	$ 1,150,000	$ 9,600,000
10 Mos.	$2,281,350,000	$ 267,950,000	$2,549,300,000	$ 91,700,000	$ 9,050,000	$ 100,750,000

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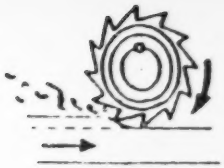

INDUSTRY ESTIMATE
METAL CUTTING TYPE MACHINE TOOLS
New Orders, Cancellations, Shipments and Backlog

DATE	NET NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	Order Backlog (In Mil. $)	SHIPMENTS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1984							
Jan.	$ 122,500,000	$ 10,700,000	$ 133,200,000	883.80	$ 65,350,000	$ 7,200,000	$ 72,550,000
Feb.	$ 121,700,000	$ 11,350,000	$ 133,050,000	913.80	$ 95,300,000	$ 7,750,000	$ 103,050,000
Mar.	$ 131,900,000	$ 14,600,000	$ 146,500,000	937.80	$ 112,350,000	$ 10,150,000	$ 122,500,000
Apr.	$ 135,700,000	$ 44,100,000	$ 179,800,000	1,016.10	$ 92,700,000	$ 8,800,000	$ 101,500,000
May	$ 167,500,000	$ 20,950,000	$ 188,450,000	1,054.55	$ 142,100,000	$ 7,900,000	$ 150,000,000
June	$ 107,550,000	$ 23,400,000	$ 130,950,000	1,035.20	$ 138,750,000	$ 11,550,000	$ 150,300,000
July	$ 126,050,000	$ 9,800,000	$ 135,850,000	1,037.80	$ 127,500,000	$ 5,750,000	$ 133,250,000
Aug.	$ 118,250,000	$ 16,750,000	$ 135,000,000	1,055.85	$ 111,050,000	$ 5,900,000	$ 116,950,000
Sept.	$ 194,850,000	$ 27,300,000	$ 222,150,000	1,126.65	$ 138,700,000	$ 12,650,000	$ 151,350,000
Oct. (p)	$ 176,600,000	$ 15,050,000	$ 191,650,000	1,173.20	$ 129,450,000	$ 15,650,000	$ 145,100,000
10 Mos.	$1,402,600,000	$ 194,000,000	$1,596,600,000		$1,153,250,000	$ 93,300,000	$1,246,550,000

DATE	GROSS NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	CANCELLATIONS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1984						
Jan.	$ 127,550,000	$ 10,750,000	$ 138,300,000	$ 5,050,000	$ 50,000	$ 5,100,000
Feb.	$ 130,600,000	$ 12,400,000	$ 143,000,000	$ 8,900,000	$ 1,050,000	$ 9,950,000
Mar.	$ 137,150,000	$ 15,950,000	$ 153,100,000	$ 5,250,000	$ 1,350,000	$ 6,600,000
Apr.	$ 141,800,000	$ 44,200,000	$ 186,000,000	$ 6,100,000	$ 100,000	$ 6,200,000
May	$ 171,250,000	$ 21,100,000	$ 192,350,000	$ 3,750,000	$ 150,000	$ 3,900,000
June	$ 123,050,000	$ 25,200,000	$ 148,250,000	$ 15,500,000	$ 1,800,000	$ 17,300,000
July	$ 127,350,000	$ 10,000,000	$ 137,350,000	$ 1,300,000	$ 200,000	$ 1,500,000
Aug.	$ 124,300,000	$ 17,050,000	$ 141,350,000	$ 6,050,000	$ 300,000	$ 6,350,000
Sept.	$ 201,550,000	$ 27,950,000	$ 229,500,000	$ 6,700,000	$ 650,000	$ 7,350,000
Oct. (p)	$ 182,650,000	$ 15,900,000	$ 198,550,000	$ 6,050,000	$ 850,000	$ 6,900,000
10 Mos.	$1,467,250,000	$ 200,500,000	$1,667,750,000	$ 64,650,000	$ 6,500,000	$ 71,150,000

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INDUSTRY ESTIMATE
METAL FORMING TYPE MACHINE TOOLS
New Orders, Cancellations, Shipments and Backlog

DATE	NET NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	Order Backlog (In Mil. $)	SHIPMENTS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1984							
Jan.	$ 53,050,000	$ 2,850,000	$ 55,900,000	237.05	$ 35,550,000	$ 4,850,000	$ 40,400,000
Feb.	$ 66,000,000	$ 3,850,000	$ 69,850,000	262.65	$ 40,400,000	$ 3,850,000	$ 44,250,000
Mar.	$ 56,750,000	$ 5,200,000	$ 61,950,000	257.85	$ 60,000,000	$ 6,750,000	$ 66,750,000
Apr.	$ 65,900,000	$ 7,400,000	$ 73,300,000	273.90	$ 52,300,000	$ 4,950,000	$ 57,250,000
May	$ 124,400,000	$ 6,700,000	$ 131,100,000	344.95	$ 52,300,000	$ 7,750,000	$ 60,050,000
June	$ 53,600,000	$ 7,200,000	$ 60,800,000	352.55	$ 43,450,000	$ 9,750,000	$ 53,200,000
July	$ 173,550,000	$ 4,000,000	$ 177,550,000	469.60	$ 54,500,000	$ 6,000,000	$ 60,500,000
Aug.	$ 62,000,000	$ 3,600,000	$ 65,600,000	487.80	$ 44,100,000	$ 3,300,000	$ 47,400,000
Sept.	$ 60,250,000	$ 3,800,000	$ 64,050,000	492.45	$ 51,150,000	$ 8,250,000	$ 59,400,000
Oct. (p)	$ 71,550,000	$ 20,300,000	$ 91,850,000	521.70	$ 57,600,000	$ 5,000,000	$ 62,600,000
10 Mos.	$ 787,050,000	$ 64,900,000	$ 851,950,000		$ 491,350,000	$ 60,450,000	$ 551,800,000

DATE	GROSS NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	CANCELLATIONS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1984						
Jan.	$ 56,350,000	$ 3,550,000	$ 59,900,000	$ 3,300,000	$ 700,000	$ 4,000,000
Feb.	$ 66,450,000	$ 4,500,000	$ 70,950,000	$ 450,000	$ 650,000	$ 1,100,000
Mar.	$ 59,550,000	$ 5,250,000	$ 64,800,000	$ 2,800,000	$ 50,000	$ 2,850,000
Apr.	$ 68,000,000	$ 7,850,000	$ 75,850,000	$ 2,100,000	$ 450,000	$ 2,550,000
May	$ 132,450,000	$ 6,750,000	$ 139,200,000	$ 8,050,000	$ 50,000	$ 8,100,000
June	$ 55,150,000	$ 7,250,000	$ 62,400,000	$ 1,550,000	$ 50,000	$ 1,600,000
July	$ 174,450,000	$ 4,200,000	$ 178,650,000	$ 900,000	$ 200,000	$ 1,100,000
Aug.	$ 65,300,000	$ 3,650,000	$ 68,950,000	$ 3,300,000	$ 50,000	$ 3,350,000
Sept.	$ 62,450,000	$ 3,850,000	$ 66,300,000	$ 2,200,000	$ 50,000	$ 2,250,000
Oct. (p)	$ 73,950,000	$ 20,600,000	$ 94,550,000	$ 2,400,000	$ 300,000	$ 2,700,000
10 Mos.	$ 814,100,000	$ 67,450,000	$ 881,550,000	$ 27,050,000	$ 2,550,000	$ 29,600,000

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